

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 3, 2003

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| IN RE:                    | ) |            |
|                           | ) | DOCKET NO. |
| GENERIC DOCKET ADDRESSING | ) | 00-00523   |
| RURAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE   | ) |            |


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ERRATUM: NOVEMBER 3, 2003 ORDER  
CONTINUING STAY AND ABEYANCE

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The Hearing Officer entered the *Order Continuing Stay and Abeyance* on November 3, 2003. Due to an inadvertent error, the order contains two incorrect dates. Accordingly, the ordering clauses are modified such that the reference to January 5, 2003 appearing on page 3 is changed to January 5, 2004 and the reference to January 2, 2003 appearing on page 4 is changed to January 2, 2004.

Attached to this *Erratum: November 3, 2003 Order Continuing Stay and Abeyance* are corrected pages 3 and 4. These corrected pages are specifically incorporated by this reference and shall be substituted into the *Order Continuing Stay and Abeyance* filed on November 3, 2003.

  
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Ron Jones, Director  
As Hearing Officer<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See *Order Accepting Petition for Appeal and Appointing Hearing Officer*, 3 (Sept. 17, 2002) (appointing Director Jones "for the purpose of preparing this matter for consideration by the Directors").

arguments related to this issue in the event no agreement is reached.<sup>4</sup> Lastly, the parties conclude by requesting that the Hearing Officer continue to hold BellSouth's petition for reconsideration in abeyance for an additional sixty (60) days.

It appears the parties are actively negotiating both the terms of interconnection between Coalition members and CMRS providers and the interim compensation method for CMRS-originated traffic that transits BellSouth's network and terminates to a Coalition member end user. Therefore, the Hearing Officer finds that the request to continue to hold BellSouth's petition for reconsideration in abeyance should be granted. Further, the Hearing Officer concludes that the stay of the Coalition's emergency petition and BellSouth's counterclaim should be continued as well.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1) Unless otherwise ordered, no action will be taken before **Monday, January 5, 2004** on the *Petition for Emergency Relief and Request for Standstill Order By the Tennessee Rural Independent Coalition* filed on April 3, 2003, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s counterclaim filed on April 15, 2003, and *BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s Motion for Reconsideration or, in the Alternative, Clarification of the Initial Order of Hearing Officer for the Purpose of Addressing Legal Issues 2 and 3 Identified in the Report and Recommendation of the Pre-Hearing Officer Filed on November 8, 2000* filed on July 15, 2002.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> The parties' previous agreement contained in the April 25, 2003 *Joint Motion for 60-Day Conditional Stay* regarding the manner in which BellSouth will compensate Coalition members for CMRS-originated traffic that transits BellSouth's network and terminates to a Coalition member end user was limited to a ninety (90) day period.

<sup>5</sup> The actual continuance period is sixty-three (63) days rather than sixty (60) days in order to accommodate the procedural schedule in Docket No. 03-00491, *In re: Implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order – 9 Month Proceeding – Switching*.

2) BellSouth Telecommunications Inc. and the Tennessee Rural Independent Coalition shall file by **Friday, January 2, 2004** an update on the negotiations that have occurred, a schedule of any future negotiations, and a statement as to whether a further continuance of the stay and abeyance is necessary.

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Ron Jones, Director  
As Hearing Officer<sup>6</sup>

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